

# **NORTH BAY AQUEDUCT ALTERNATIVE INTAKE PROJECT**

## **FACT SHEET**

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### **WELCOME**

Welcome to one of the North Bay Aqueduct Alternative Intake Project (NBA AIP or proposed project) scoping meetings. Three scoping meetings are being held for the project (December 7, 9 and 14, 2009). The information being presented at all three meetings is the same.

Please sign in, pick up meeting handouts, and fill out and turn in a speaker card if you wish to speak at this meeting. If you would like to be added to the mailing list to receive project-related notices, please indicate your interest on the sign-in sheet. The agenda for each meeting includes: (1) a presentation of the NBA AIP, (2) information about the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process and schedule, and (3) receiving agency and public input on the scope and content of the NBA AIP Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) proposes to implement the NBA AIP to improve water quality and to provide reliable deliveries of State Water Project (SWP) supplies to its contractors, the Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) and the Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (Napa County FC&WCD). The proposed project would include the construction and operation of an alternative intake on the Sacramento River, generally upstream of the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant, and connect it to the existing North Bay Aqueduct (NBA) system by a new segment of pipe. The proposed alternative intake would be operated in conjunction with the existing NBA intake at Barker Slough. The NBA AIP would include the following facilities:

- A new alternative intake structure and pump station on the Sacramento River with state-of-the-art, positive barrier fish screens;
- A new pipeline segment to convey the water from the alternative intake to a point of connection with the existing NBA near the North Bay Regional Water Treatment Plant; and
- Other project-related support facilities including, but not limited to, surge tanks, etc.

Proposed project facilities would be located in predominately rural portions of Solano and Yolo Counties southeast of Interstate 80, west of the Sacramento River, north of Barker Slough and south of the City of West Sacramento.

### **PURPOSE OF THIS SCOPING MEETING**

The purpose this meeting is to receive public and agency input on the scope and content of the NBA AIP EIR. DWR anticipates evaluating the following potential environmental effects in the EIR:

water resources and water quality; Delta fisheries and aquatic resources; terrestrial biological resources (including wetlands); agricultural land uses; climate change; growth inducement; aesthetics; air quality; cultural resources; energy; geology and soils; hazardous materials/public health; land use and planning; noise; public services and utilities; recreation; and transportation and circulation. If you have input on the environmental analysis or content of the EIR and would like to speak at this meeting, please fill out a speaker card. A court reporter will be transcribing all oral comments provided at this meeting. If you do not wish to speak, you can fill out a comment form and leave it with a staff person or take it with you and mail it to the address on the form. You do not need to use a form to submit your comments on the EIR. You can mail or e-mail your comments on the scope of the EIR analysis to the address provided below.

## **EIR PROCESS AND NEXT STEPS**

A Notice of Preparation (NOP) was published by DWR, as the lead agency under CEQA, on November 24, 2009. The NOP provides information on: the project background; proposed project objectives and project description; the proposed project's relationship to the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan; and potential environmental effects proposed to be evaluated in the EIR. Copies of the NOP are available at this meeting or they can be obtained from DWR's website at <http://www.water.ca.gov/publications/browse.cfm?letter=N>.

The NOP public response period will end January 8, 2010. Please submit written comments on the environmental analysis or content of the EIR at the earliest possible date, but no later than **5 p.m. on January 8, 2010** to:

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At the end of the public response period, DWR will consider all comments received (including those provided at this scoping meeting) from interested persons, organizations, and agencies in preparing the environmental analysis to be included in the EIR. A Draft EIR will be prepared and circulated for a 45-day public response period. The Draft EIR will be posted on DWR's website. During the Draft EIR public response period, agencies and the public will have an opportunity to review the analysis in the Draft EIR and provide comments its adequacy either in writing or orally at a public hearing. At the close of the 45-day public response period, DWR will prepare written responses to all oral and written comments received and will prepare a Final EIR. The Draft EIR, Final EIR and other supporting documentation will be provided to the DWR Director for consideration in certifying the EIR as adequate under CEQA and approving the NBA AIP.